



OUR NEW CLUBHOUSE: A VISION SPLENDID

In his address to the annual general meeting Chairman David Dransfield presented the latest and most comprehensive outline of our club's future home, which now seems likely to exceed earlier expectations.

The developer had acquired or taken options on several additional properties adjacent to our Club site, opening the way to a much more ambitious concept, he said.

This had enabled the developer to extend our Club's originally proposed accommodation and preliminary plans had been submitted to the City Commissioners.

David spelled out to the meeting in considerable detail the redevelopment proposals from initial to present stages.

"This has been a watershed year in the history of our Club," he said.

"Members will be aware that, following months of effort by your committee, including the offering of the Clubhouse for sale by public tender, arrangements were finally concluded, with the overwhelming approval of members, for the sale of the Clubhouse and redevelopment of the site as part of a project encompassing a number of adjoining properties.

"Members will no doubt be anxious to know the present situation and I am pleased at this time to advise that preliminary plans have been submitted to the City Commissioners.

"However, more importantly, the developer has now broadened the concept of the development to include other properties not previously considered.

"Apart from our own site, the developer now owns or has options on Broadcast House, Legacy House, C.U.S.A. House, Alfred Moss House, Estates Mortgage House, the Post Office Building and St. Paul Bookshop. He is negotiating on Beaumont House.

Two Towers

"Instead of one tower block, it is now envisaged that there will be at least two towers in the development. "Although plans are not final at this stage the developer has provided us with preliminary sketches.

"These indicate that the Club, possibly with two other clubs, will be located in one tower, together with a number of floors of top quality residential accommodation.

"Because of the enlargement of the project the developer has advised that we will probably not receive notice to quit the site before February 1989.

"Several members have enquired as to the position regarding the Heritage Council. I am pleased to confirm that, following an inspection of the Club, no orders have been put on the building or its contents.

"They have simply recommended retention of certain features of the interior of the Clubhouse. These refer to the Board Room, the Club Room and the first floor bar.

"In point of fact, it has always been our intention to preserve the ambience of these areas anyway and this will not pose any problems in the redevelopment.

"As previously advised, arrangements are in place for the accommodation of members at other city clubs during the rebuilding stage.

"I refer to the American National Club, Royal Automobile Club, the Sydney Club, City Tattersalls Club, the Masonic Club, the Catholic Club and the Bowlers Club.

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A JOB FOR ALL OF US

David Dransfield's verbal picture of the Club's new home in the forthcoming redevelopment will delight and excite members.

But that should not deter members from a moral duty he has imposed upon all of us.

This is to work vigorously towards helping to restore the Club to its former financial stability.

The catalyst of the present unsatisfactory financial position is twofold:

The loss of more than 1,100 members in the previous financial year when subscriptions were raised.

An alarming decline in usage of many of the Club's excellent recreational, social and functional amenities.

Obviously the second factor does not reflect any significant decline in loyal members' support of Club facilities but is a logical and inevitable consequence of smaller membership.

Yet, as David has said, usage remains the key to profitable trading.

So the answer to both problems is a recruiting drive to restore our membership base.

Contributions from newly introduced members would immediately tend to improve the Club's income. No less importantly, the growth in membership would significantly generate increased usage, a vital source of revenue.

The task is now in our hands. The need is urgent and time is short, for the membership list will close when we vacate the premises for redevelopment, probably little more than six months hence.

Members' efforts to introduce newcomers in the remaining time will be well supported by the Club Committee decision some time ago

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1988 SNOOKER TOURNAMENT REACHES FINAL 32

Surprises Galore

Though many obviously strong and some less favoured contenders reached the tournament's final 32 there were also some surprise losers.

Among those eliminated were Warren Foster, Bill Henneberry, Col Pearce, David D'Mestre and myself.

Of the winners Keith Chapman gave a polished display and Vin Hrouda showed improved form to make the last 32.

Eddie Charlton, as expected, moved on to the final series with a very determined exhibition in defeating Kevin Simmonds on the pink.

Eddie will now be a short priced favourite to win the tournament.

The draw for the remainder of the tournament is now listed on the second floor notice board. The final is expected to be played in the first week of August.

Our Snooker and Billiards Committee Chairman Peter Twigg, recovered from back surgery, quickly regained his snooker form in qualifying for the last 32.

Sadly Nick Shehadie, who was playing well and was in the final 33, recently suffered a mild heart attack.

He entered hospital and is expected to take a long rest in convalescence. You have all our good wishes, Nick.

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Jack Chown, one of our greatest supporters, will become 90 on July 15th.

We have arranged a black tie dinner in his honour on July 11th. From all members on the second floor, a happy birthday Jack.

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Two more Ansett Hayman Island Holiday Pairs remain to be decided. Brian Creed is the current leader, with 23 points. However, several players are in the reckoning and a close finish is anticipated.

Looking forward to meeting old and new friends on the second floor.

--Doug Jordan.--



*The keen and deadly eye of a master...
Eddie Charlton in action.*

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"Members are reminded that membership will close when the site is vacated and substantial entrance fees will apply to new members when the new Clubhouse opens.

"It therefore behoves all members to introduce new members before that time.

"At the date of this meeting there are 2,730 members compared to 2,138 at the same date last year.

"Considering we lost over 1,100 members last year when subscriptions were raised this is encouraging but we still have a way to go to re-establish our membership base.

"Usage of the club facilities, as mentioned many times previously, is also vital to the club's wellbeing and members will note from my report attached to the balance sheet, that there has been a decline again this year.

"Whilst on this matter, will members please note that there are some minor errors in the printed report. These are as follows:

Numbers of Swims	Year ending February 1988 should read 26,068, not 26,028.
Bedroom Usage	Difference over last two years should show current year up by 8, not 3.
2nd Floor Buffet	Usage should show down by 4,508 people, not 4,503.
Massages	Should show down by 266, not 246.

"Gentlemen, the treasurer has reported to you throughout the year

on the club's financial situation.

"Whilst the year's results are not satisfactory, the recovery in the second half of the year through greater management expertise in heartening.

"However, usage still remains the key to profitable trading and you are again reminded that the club offers excellent facilities for all types of social functions, seminars, etc.

"I wish to record with regret the resignation from the committee in April of Mr Keith Moremon, a former Chairman of the Club, due to pressure of business commitments.

"The committee filled the casual vacancy by appointing Mr Len Sims, who is Managing Director of one of Sydney's largest contractors in the painting and decorating industry.

"His advice will be valuable as we consider plans for the interior of the Club".

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to waive the entry fee and considerably reduce the annual subscription for those joining before the list closes.

During the rebuilding stage they, in common with all members, will enjoy the hospitality of numerous highly reputable Sydney clubs.

That is a most attractive proposition... the more so because those applying for membership after we occupy our new Clubhouse will be required to pay substantial entrance fees -- and probably join a waiting list.

So let's get out and sell it... not next week, not next month or even later but right now!

NEW MEMBERS

Campbell, Graham Hilton	Personnel Manager.
Caswell, Stephen John	Director - Marketing.
Gazal, Nabil Nasri	Director.
Gorman, Andrew John	Solicitor
Hawcroft, Paul	Managing Director
Higginbotham, John Richard	Medical Practitioner
Lumsden, Andrew John	Solicitor
Rock, Henry Neville	Group General Manager
Stokes, Michael	Chartered Surveyor

Beginning a new series... **OUR GOLDEN OLDIES**

JOSEPH STEVEN BLAU

Joined Tattersall's Club 29th February, 1932.

Steven, as he prefers to be addressed, now 87 and in retirement, shares his time nowadays between his homes in Sydney and Surfers Paradise.

While less active than in earlier days in his favourite sport golf, in which he attained handicap rating of 11-8, he retains a keen interest in horse racing, in which he has had considerable success as an owner.

Two of his best performers were Opulent, the 1952 Sydney Cup winner, and Prince Morvi, which won the A.J.C. and Victorian Derbies of 1953.

His A.J.C. Membership is of such long standing that he enjoys the rare privilege of a \$2 annual subscription!

Steven is a member also of the Sydney Turf Club and the Gold Coast Turf Club.

Whenever in Sydney he relishes reunion with long-time fellow Tattersall's Clubmen. He finds enjoyment, too, in meeting younger members.

"Tatt's members, old and new, are very nice people and this is a great club," he said.

Steven is very impressed with plans for the Club's redevelopment plans.

"I hope I am still around to see the new premises," he said. His long-standing friends within the Club have no doubt that he will be.

JOHN CECIL O'DEA

Joined Tattersall's June 27, 1927.

Tattersall's Club membership is an O'Dea family tradition. The line of succession is: Cecil's father John Henry, a pioneer member who served on the Club Committee for 25 years, Cecil, his sons David and Michael. David retired from the Club several years ago to take over a property at Canowindra.

Cecil, now 83, is the Club's longest standing member. His physical spryness, captivating personality and whimsical anecdote belie his years. Members and guests who attended the Club's Centenary dinner last May will remember his delivery of a couple of rollicking songs to their great appreciation.

Now retired and living at Killara he comes to town almost every day to visit the large law firm Michael now heads. This has grown from the smaller practice Cecil founded.

During the depression Cecil entered the legal profession as an articulated clerk then joined a law firm at the princely salary of ten shillings a week. Then, as the depression deepened, he was one of six young fellows retrenched.

"That was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said. "I took an office at the corner of Pitt and Park Streets and soon built up a good business. I practised for more than 60 years."

At one stage he also ran a dairy farm at North Richmond but that was financially disastrous.

Cecil kept himself physically and mentally toned for his growing legal practice with a daily plunge in Tatt's pool and workout in the gym.

This supplemented his hard Rugby Union training programme. He played with Sydney University, Randwick and Eastern Suburbs clubs and won a place in the Australian Universities team touring New Zealand.

Cecil also enjoyed boxing -- strictly as an amateur. He sparred with such greats as Eugene Criqui, Sid Godfrey and others.

His other sporting love, sailing (two Sydney-Hobart races), brought him a special role in World War II as a member of the Coast Watch surveillance organisation patrolling our coasts against possible Japanese approaches.

He then joined the Navy for two years.

Cecil, a Tatt's stalwart, sums up his appreciation of our treasured institution: "It's just great."

Ski Club off to great start for 1988.

Early snowfalls have heralded a great start to the 1988 ski season.

On Friday June 17th the Tatts Ski Club held the now traditional opening-of-the-season-evening in the Sportsman's Room.

It was a pleasure to welcome many of our regulars as well as a number of new faces.

The group included three past Presidents of the Ski Club, Bas Phillips, Ross Debney and Graham Smith, Committeeman Malcolm Stening and his wife Jenny were also present.

Pre-dinner drinks and a very good meal were followed by some exciting ski movies which really captured the mood of the evening!

There are still two or three vacancies for our mens' week at Perisher Valley to be held during the week July 16th - 23rd, at Wurrunga Lodge.

A wonderful week is assured at the very reasonable cost of \$375 a person, which includes accommodation, food and drinks.

Age and skiing experience are irrelevant: there are plenty of members willing to assist new skiers.

Our mixed week at Roslyn Lodge, Thredbo is now fully booked. It is to be held during the week September 3rd - 10th. The best chance of joining this group is to put your name on the waiting list.

To all those who are heading south this season, good skiing!

Ya - do - lay - ee - oo!

--Anthony Berkman--

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Swimming Club Nominee John Nicholas is Tattersall's 1987 Sportsman of the Year.

He was the unanimous choice of the Swimming Club Committee, which endorsed its nomination: John's regular attendance at the races conducted is reflected in the very high standing attained in the various competitions being held.

His sportsmanship is a fine example to all competitors who take part in our races.

Club Chairman David Dransfield presented John with his trophy, a handsome plaque, at the annual general meeting.

In response to David's congratulations he said, "I like to think I'm being given the award for my keen swimming over the years and for never having pulled a race!"

With the closure of our summer season this month we will begin an off-season series of five-lap races on Thursdays. These will continue until late September, when we will resume our summer programme.

-- Alan Ball --

A ROUSING FAREWELL TO BACHELORHOOD

Friends of Mr. Grahame Allan gathered in the 1st floor bar on Thursday, 9th June to give him a rousing farewell to bachelorhood. Included among the revelers were members Kevin Simmonds, (Graham's best man) Norm Rogers, Wally Truscott, Jeff Wooland, John Lawler, Dr. Tex Cody and Bobby Evans. Also in attendance was Grahame's brother John, Tony O'Niell, father of the bride, Alan Davis from Orange, Fin Busk and Richard Morgan from Melbourne.

Dinner was enjoyed by all in the Club Dining Room. When the club closed its doors the stragglers, led by Dr. Cody, escorted Grahame to the Bourbon'N'Beefsteak located in Kings Cross. If anyone has found a large bunch of keys the groom would be grateful for their return. May we suggest, Grahame, under the piano at the Bourbon'N'Beefsteak could be the best place to start looking.

Grahame and Lyn, the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs Alan Davis

had their marriage blessed on Saturday 11th June at Christ Church St. Laurence. The Reverend Austin Day who officiated has just been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours with The Order of Australia Medal. A celebration party was held at Williams Night Club in the Boulevard Hotel. Guests arrived from all over Australia and New Zealand and a good time was had by all.

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NICK FARR-JONES TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT CLUB LUNCHEON

The Committee is pleased to announce that Mr. Nick Farr-Jones, Captain of the Australian Rugby Union 15, will be Guest Speaker at a luncheon for Members and Guests in the Club Room on

THURSDAY, 21st JULY, 1988
12:30 pm for 1:00 pm
\$30 per person incl. drinks
BOOKINGS IN OFFICE

TATTERSALL'S RANDWICK RACE MEETING SATURDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1988.

The Chairman invites Members wishing to attend the Club Members' Luncheon at Randwick Racecourse on 3rd September to kindly register their names with Miss Margaret Bell in the Office.

A limited number of Members' Stand tickets will be available for that day for Members and their ladies, and Members are asked to contact the office at least ten days prior to the Race Meeting to secure tickets.

RECIPROCAL CLUBS INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS

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Tel: (03) 614-2127

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202 Edward Street, Brisbane. Tel: (07) 221-851

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Sturt Street, Wagga Wagga. Tel: Wagga 21-2301

The Secretary, New York Athletic Club,

180 Central Park South, NEW YORK, USA 10019.
Tel: (212) 247-5100 Accommodation: Men & Women

The Manager, Los Angeles Athletic Club,

431 West 7th Street, LOS ANGELES, CAL, 90014.
Tel: (213) 625-2211 Accommodation: Men & Women

The Manager, Outrigger Canoe Club,

2909 Kalakaua Avenue, HONOLULU, Hawaii 96815.
Tel: 923-1585 Accommodation: None

The Manager, Honolulu Club,

932 Ward Avenue, HONOLULU, HI, 96814
Tel: (808) 543-3900 Accommodation: None

The Secretary, Olympic Club,

524 Post Street, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL, 94102.
Tel: (415) 775-4400 Accommodation: Men Only

The Manager Denver Athletic Place,

1325 Glenarm Place, DENVER, Colorado, 80204.
Tel: (303) 53-4121 Accommodation: Men Only

The Secretary, College Club,

505 Madison, SEATTLE, Washington USA.
Accommodation: Men Only

The Secretary, Amarillo Club, American National Bank Building

Box 12076, AMARILLO, Texas 79101
Tel: 373-4361 Accommodation: None

The Secretary, Terminal City Club,

837 West Hastings Street, VANCOUVER, Canada V6C 1B7
Tel: 681-4121 Accommodation: Men Only

The Secretary, Kona Kai Club,

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Tel: 222-1191 Accommodation: Men & Women

The Secretary, National Liberal Club,

Whitehall Place, LONDON, SW1A 2HE
Tel: (01) 930-9871 Accommodation: None

The Secretary, The Sloane Club,

52 Lower Sloane Street, LONDON, SW1W 8BS
Tel: (01) 730-9131 Accommodation: Men & Women

The Manager, Detroit Athletic Club,

241 Madison, DETROIT, Michigan 48226
Tel: 963-9200 Accommodation: Men & Women

The Secretary, Hong Kong Cricket Club,

137 Wong Nei Chong Gap Road, HONG KONG.
Tel: (5) 74-7023 Accommodation: None

The President, Midland Club,

176 - 178 Oxford Terrace, CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.
Tel: 66-214 Accommodation: None

The Manager, Tanglin Club,

5 Stevens Road, SINGAPORE, 10
Tel: 737-6011 Accommodation: Men & Women

The Honorary Secretary, The British Club,

73 Bukit Tinggi Road, SINGAPORE, 1128
Tel: 467-4311 Accommodation: None

The Secretary, The Royal Northern & University Club,

9 Albyn Place, ABERDEEN, Scotland AB1 1YE
Tel: (022) 458-3292 Accommodation: Men & Women

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Cincinnati Athletic Club, 111 Shillito Rike Place,

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